

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-32 were originally submitted.

Claims 33-40 were previously added.

No new claims are added in this response.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 16, 17, 29, and 30 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 22, 24, 27, 31 and 32 are currently amended.

Claims 1, 6-15, 18-28, and 31-40 remain in this application.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-18 and 20-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 B1 to Win et al (Win). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the claims.

Independent claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 15, 18, 24 and 31 have been amended to include elements not shown in Win.

Independent claim 1, for example, recites “[a] method of logging a computer system user out of affiliated servers comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection of a logout link, wherein the logout link is contained on any site;

generating a logout page for display on a browser being used by the user;

looking for responses from the affiliated servers;

1 causing a request for data from the affiliated servers to be issued by
2 the browser wherein the request further causes the affiliated servers to send
3 an image to the browser which is indicative of successful logout;

4 clearing cookies from the browser by setting the cookies' values to
5 nothing and the cookies' expire time to a past date, wherein the cookies
6 include data provided to the browser by the affiliated server and wherein a
7 visited sites cookie maintains a list of all sites logged into by the user; and

8 logging out the affiliated servers by selection of a single logout link,
9 wherein a visited sites cookie maintains a list of all sites logged into by the
10 user.

11 For example, in the "Abstract" Win describes a single secure sign-on that
12 gives a user access to authorized web resources. The information resources are
13 stored on a protected web server. The user of a client or a browser logs in to the
14 system. A runtime module on a protected server receives login requests and other
15 requests from the user (client) to use a resource. The runtime module connects to
16 an access server that authenticates the user. The access server is connected to a
17 registry server that stores information as to the user(s). The user is presented with
18 a web page as to what resources are available to the user.

19 It is presented that Win fails to disclose logging out from affiliated servers.
20 In particularly Win fails to show a selection of a logout link, wherein the logout
21 link is contained on any site. Win teaches that the opening of the URL is on a
22 system's logout page – therefore the logout page is on a particular location (site),
23 and not available on any site. Support for an amendment to include this element is
24 found, for example, on page 11, lines 16-17 of the specification.

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1 Win fails to disclose looking for responses from the affiliated servers. The
2 servers described in Win do not respond back as to the logout process.

3 Independent claims 7, 10, 11, 15, 18, 24 and 31 have been amended to
4 include like or similar elements, that are not described in Win.

5 The dependent claims are allowable based at the least on their dependency
6 on allowable independent claims.

7 Accordingly Win does not show every element of claims 1-15, 18, 20-28,
8 and 31-40.

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10 **35 U.S.C. §103**

11 Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over
12 U.S. Patent No. 6,453,353 B1 to Win et al (Win) in view of Official Notice.
13 Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the claim.

14 **Dependent claim 19** depends from claim 18, and comprises the element
15 “requesting a logout page from an authentication server, wherein the logout link is
16 on any site”. As discussed above, Win fails to teach this element.

17 The Office takes Official Notice “that a checkmark image is a symbol for
18 affirmative, a positive result, or a task complete was well known in the art at the
19 time the invention was made”. However, the Official Notice taken provides no
20 assistance in light of Win as to the recited method of claim 19.

21 Accordingly, Win in view of Official Notice does not show every element
22 of claim 19 and the rejection of claim 19 is therefore improper. Accordingly,
23 Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claim 19 be withdrawn.
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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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